gration Commission appointed by the Government of Ceylon. As a result, the Government of India have instructed their Agent in Ceylon to render all the necessary help in the matter, and to present a memorandum before the Commission.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri)*—Whether any tangible result is achieved as a result of the representation to the Government of India?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government)*.—Government have no further information on the matter.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri)*.—Will the Government be pleased to inquire and find out what has come out of our request and the recommendation of the Government of India in this behalf?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government)*.—We can only make representations to the Government of India. We have done that.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri)*.—Have you cared to know what has come out of that?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government)*.—We are awaiting information from the Government of India.

Veterinary Department—Working of.

63. Mr. K. S. Panickar *(Ezhuvas North)*.—Will the Government be pleased to state what action the Government has taken on the proposals made by the Advisory Committee constituted for the Agricultural Department, etc., for the better working of the Veterinary Department in the State?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government)*.—There was no definite proposal by the Committee.

Cochin Rural Reconstruction Scheme—Progress of.

64. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri)*.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—(a) what exactly they have done subsequent to the last Budget Session for 'Rural Reconstruction' in the State;

(b) whether they have any definite programme for the improvement of Cochin villages;

(c) within what time they hope to succeed in having 'better villages' in the State?

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Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—

(a) Preliminary enquiries with regard to the location of a Centre have been made.

(b) A programme has not yet been drawn up.

(c) No definite answer can be given now.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri.).*—With reference to (b), may I know, Sir, whether any attempt has been made for the improvment of the villagers between the date of the last budget session and today?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—An attempt has been made to find out a proper centre for this work. Dr. Hatch and his assistant came here and they have been attempting to find out a site and the Secretary of the Marthandam Society has promised to come here and meet the Diwan at Trichur when he is camping there. It is only after a suitable centre is located we can do anything.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—What are the items of work?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—We have to take advice first.

Mr. President.—We have first to open a centre for rural re-construction. Then we will have to be advised about the work by the person who takes charge of that. His work will be mainly to train workers and secondly to do some direct work. What exactly the work is will depend upon the advice given by the expert. I am going to Trichur by the middle of this month and Dr. Hatch and his assistant are coming there with a view to finally locate the site. In my speech during the budget, I remember to have stated that the Vyttila Cocoanut farm may be used for this purpose. But the advisers who went into the question told me that it is not a very central place for the State. Then an alternative suggestion was made that the Government Central Farm at Ollukara may be utilised. That has also got certain disadvantages. There are not sufficient number of villages around it. Now certain tentative sites have been pitched upon near Ollur and I am going to personally inspect them along with Mr. Jesudasan, Secretary of the Marthandom Rural Reconstruction Centre. Therefore in a couple of months a final site will be located. That is how the position stands.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know whether the Government was not in correspondence with some expert in Calcutta on this question? It was stated in the Standing Finance Committee.

Mr. President.—Yes. It is the same organization, Y. M. C. A

Government Loan to the Trichur Municipality.

65. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the total amount advanced to the Trichur Municipality as loan by the Government;

(b) at what rate of interest is the loan advanced;

(c) what are the conditions of repayment?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—

(a) A sum of Rs. 5,80,000 has been advanced by Government as loan to the Trichur Municipality for the purchase of the interests of the Trichur Electric License and undertaking from the Cochin State Power and Light Corporation, Ltd. Subsequent to this the Municipality has been given sanction to purchase an additional generating set and a switch board costing Rs. 76,400 and Rs. 4,200 respectively, and the amount required for these is also to be advanced to the municipality as loan on the same terms.

(b) 4 per cent per annum.

(c) The loan is to be repaid in a period of 20 years. The repayment of the principal amount is to begin from 1114, the Council paying to Government, in addition to the annual interest, a sum equal to 5 per cent of the capital towards the principal.

Trichur Municipal Electrical Works—Load—Supply of.

66. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) what is the load that the machinery owned by the Trichur Municipality can supply a day;

(b) what is the consumption per month of Electricity generated by the Municipal Electrical works, Trichur

(1) by the Municipality;

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